

Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, and Other Leading Markets

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Capital Authorized - - - \$ 25,000,000
Capital Paid Up - - - 12,900,000
Reserve Funds - - - 14,300,000
Total Assets - - - 270,000,000

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Accounts of Farmers
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Sale Notes Collected

Savings Department at all Branches

Toronto.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, March 12, consisted of 94 cars 1,040 cattle, 108 calves, 1,488 hogs, 45 sheep and lambs. Market strong, fifteen to twenty five cents higher on butcher cattle, cows and bulls. Stockers, feeders, milkers and springers steady. Sheep, lambs and calves steady. Packers bid \$15.40 for hogs, fed and watered; \$15.65, off cars. No sales at noon.

The total receipts of live stock at the City and Union Stock Yards for the past week were:

	City	Union	Total
Cars.....	45	503	548
Cattle.....	506	4,762	5,268
Calves.....	85	902	987
Hogs.....	505	13,412	13,917
Sheep.....	247	675	922
Horses.....	18	1,379	1,397

The total receipts of live stock at the two markets for the corresponding week of 1916 were:

	City	Union	Total
Cars.....	41	427	518
Cattle.....	470	4,613	5,083
Calves.....	31	64	635
Hogs.....	210	6,396	6,606
Sheep.....	101	595	696
Horses.....	74	1,914	1,988

The combined receipts of live stock at the two markets for the past week show an increase of 30 cars, 185 cattle, 352 calves, 7,311 hogs and 226 sheep and lambs, but a decrease of 591 horses, compared with the corresponding week of 1916.

With over 2,200 cattle on sale at the Union Stock Yards, trade opened Monday with butcher steers and heifers selling slow and prices ten to twenty-five cents lower, at the close of the day's trading about 400 cattle were left unsold. The highest price paid was \$12 for 8 steers, average weight 1,505 lbs. The next price paid was \$11.25 for 17 steers, average weight 1,240 lbs. Another lot of 20 steers, average weight, 1,230 lbs., at \$11.15 per cwt. Butcher steers and heifers for the balance of the week were slow and draggy and lower in price, especially the common and medium class. For the week's trade in butcher cattle—choice to good were from 15c. to 25c. lower, and common to medium 30c. to 40c. lower than the previous week. Bulls remained steady all week, choices selling at from \$9.50 to \$10; a limited number selling all the way from \$10.25 to \$10.75 per cwt. Cows of quality were steady throughout the week, but common and medium grades were easily 25c. lower. Canners and cutters steady at \$5.25 to \$5.75. The demand for milkers and springers was steady at \$8.50 to \$11.00 for best cows; a few choice selling as high as \$12.50 each. Trade in stockers and feeders was strong, choice feeders, 800 to 900 lbs., selling at \$8.75 to \$9.25; a few loads of extra choice short-keep feeders sold at \$10 to \$10.50 per cwt. Choice yearlings 650 to 750 lbs., sold at \$8 to \$8.75. Common steers and heifers, 500 to 600 lbs., at \$7.50 to \$7.75, and common steers, 600 to 700 lbs., at \$7.75 to \$8.25. Sheep, lambs and calves were steady all week at prices which follow. Hogs—The hog market opened Monday with fed and

watered selling at \$15.25, by Wednesday they were selling at \$16 fed and watered, and \$16.25 weighed off cars. A few decks of selects selling at prices from 15c. to 25c. higher. On Thursday trade was very irregular, fed and watered selling all the way from \$15.75 to \$16, and weighed off cars at \$16 to \$16.25.

Live Stock Quotations.—Heavy steers, \$10.50 to \$11.50. Butcher steers and heifers, choice, \$10.25 to \$10.75; good, \$9.50 to \$10; medium, \$9 to \$9.25; common, \$8 to \$8.75. Cows, choice, \$8.75 to \$9.25; good, \$8.25 to \$8.50; medium, \$7.25 to \$7.75; common, \$6.25 to \$6.75. Canners and cutters, \$5.25 to \$5.75. Bulls, choice, \$9.50 to \$10; good, \$8.75 to \$9.25; medium, \$8 to \$8.50; common, \$6.50 to \$7.50. Stockers and feeders, best, \$9 to \$9.75; medium, \$8 to \$8.75; common, \$7.50 to \$8. Milkers and springers, best, \$8.5 to \$11.00; medium, \$6.5 to \$8.00; common, \$5.0 to \$6.0. Lambs, choice, 14c. to 15½c. per lb.; culls, 9c. to 12c. per lb. Sheep, light, 10½c. to 11c. per lb.; heavy, 8½c. to 9½c. per lb. Calves, choice, 13c. to 14c. per lb.; medium, 10c. to 12c. per lb.; grass and common, 6c. to 8½c. per lb.; heavy fat, 7½c. to 9c. per lb. Hogs, weighed off cars, \$16 to \$16.25; fed and watered, \$15.75 to \$16; f. o. b., \$14.50.

Less \$2.50 off sows, \$4 to \$5 off stags, \$1 to \$2 off light hogs; one-half of one per cent. government condemnation loss. Hogs weighing 150 lbs. and under are called light.

Breadstuffs.

Wheat.—Ontario, No. 2, winter, new, per car lot, \$1.84 to \$1.86; No. 3, winter, per car lot, \$1.82 to \$1.84, (according to freights outside). Manitoba, track, bay ports—No. 1 northern, \$2.05½; No. 2 northern, \$2.02¾; No. 3 northern, \$1.96¾; No. 4 wheat, \$1.85¾. Oats.—Ontario, No. 2 white, 65c. to 67c.; nominal; No. 3 white, 64c. to 65c., nominal. Manitoba oats, (track, bay ports)—No. 2 C. W., 74½c. to 75½c. Barley.—Malting barley, according to freights outside, \$1.22 to \$1.24.

Peas.—According to freights outside; No. 2, \$2.50.

Buckwheat.—According to freights outside, \$1.28.

Corn.—American (track, Toronto), No. 3 yellow, \$1.21½, subject to embargo. Rye.—No. 2, \$1.40 to \$1.42. Flour.—Manitoba first patents, in jute bags, \$9.70; second patents, in jute bags, \$9.20; strong bakers', in jute bags, \$8.80. Ontario, winter, according to sample, in bags, \$7.65, track, Toronto; \$7.25 bulk, seaboard, export trade.

Hay and Millfeed.

Hay.—Track, Toronto, extra No. 2, per ton, \$12 to \$12.50; mixed, per ton, \$9 to \$11.

Straw.—Car lots, per ton, \$8.50 to \$9, track, Toronto.

Bran.—Per ton, \$38.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$42.

Good feed flour, per bag, \$2.70 to \$2.80.

Hides and Skins.

City hides, flat 20c.; country hides, cured, 20c.; country hides, part cured, 18c.; country hides, green, 17½c.; calf skins, per lb., 25c.; kip skins, per lb., 20c.; sheep skins, city, \$2.50 to \$3.50; sheep skins, country, \$1.50 to \$3; lamb skins and pelts, \$1.50 to \$2; horse hair, per lb., 42c.; horse hides, No. 1, \$6 to \$7; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; wool, washed, 44c. to 47c. per lb. Wool, rejections, 35c. to 38c. per lb.; wool, unwashed, 34c. to 37c. per lb. Tallow, No. 1 cake, 9c. to 10c. per lb.; tallow, solids, 8c. to 9c. per lb.

Country Produce.

Butter.—Butter of all classes eased slightly in price on the wholesales during the week, selling as follows: Creamery, fresh-made pound squares, 44c. to 45c. per lb.; creamery solids, 42c. to 43c. per lb.; dairy, 32 to 35c. per lb.; separator dairy 38c. to 40c.

Eggs.—Eggs also declined; new laid selling at 40c. to 42c. per dozen wholesale.

Cheese.—June, 27c. to 28c. per lb.; new, 26½c. to 27c. per lb.; new twins, 27½c. to 28c. per lb.

Honey remained stationary in price with an active demand. Sixty-lb. tins selling at 12c. per lb.; one-lb. sections, \$2.40 to \$3 per dozen.

Poultry.—Receipts continued to be quite light, and prices firmed somewhat. They now bring the following live-weight prices: spring chickens, per lb., 20c.;

spring ducks, per lb., 20c.; fowl, 18c. to 22c.; squabs, per dozen, dressed, \$3.50 to \$4.

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes simply did not sell at the five-dollar mark, and have gradually declined in price during the past week. The New Brunswick Delawares now selling at \$3.75 per bag, and Ontarios at \$3.25 per bag.

The other vegetables remained quite firm in price—carrots selling at \$2.25 per bag, beets at \$2.25 per bag, parsnips at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bag, and turnips at \$1.10 to \$1.25 per bag.

Cabbage still keeps high priced; the new Florida variety selling at \$7 per crate.

Celery is very scarce; the small quantity of California variety being offered bringing \$1.75 per dozen bunches.

Onions came in a little more freely, but still keep up in price; the Spanish selling at \$10 per large, and \$5.50 per half case; Reds going at \$7.75 to \$8 per 75-lb. bag, and Yellows at \$9.50 to \$10 per 75-lb. bag.

Beans advanced, the Limas selling at 12½c. per lb., and Prime Whites at \$6 per bushel.

Sweet potatoes have firmed, selling at \$2.90 to \$3 per hamper.

Oranges are selling well. In fact the supply has not satisfied the demand; the California Navels selling at \$3.25 to \$4 per case, and Floridas at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per case.

Hot-house rhubarb has not been shipped in quite so heavily; the choice quality selling at \$1.15 to \$1.25 per dozen bunches; some not as good selling at \$1 per dozen. Pineapples are back again—the Cubans selling at \$5 per case, and Porto Ricans at \$6 per case.

Florida Tomatoes also came in the six-basket crates, selling at \$6 to \$6.50; the hot-house variety selling at 30c. and 25c. per lb. for No. 1 and No. 2 grades.

Montreal.

Small as is the demand for live stock of various kinds during the Lenten period at the local cattle market, the supply last week seemed even smaller than the demand. As a consequence, the market continued very firm in tone and the outlook is rather for higher than lower prices, in the near future. There is every prospect that the fine stock for the Easter trade will touch new high record prices. At the present time, the quality of the offerings is anything but first class. Common to medium steers were quoted from 8½c. to 10c. per lb. Cows were 7½c. to 8½c. per lb., and bulls 1c. above cows. There was an excellent demand for canners cattle and the supply of these was moderate. Bulls sold at 6½c. to 6½c. per lb., and cows at 5c. to 6 cents per lb. New spring calves are beginning to arrive and as the season is yet early, the quality of the offerings continued very poor. Some milk-fed calves sold at 11c. to 12½c. per lb., but the bulk of the stock ranged from 4c. to 7c. per lb., covering low-grade offerings. The market for lambs continued firm at 13½c. to 14½c., while sheep ranged from 9½c. to 10c. per lb. Offerings of hogs were not very large, but there were some select lots in the market which sold at 15½c. to nearly 16c. per lb., weighed off cars.

Horses.—Carters continued to pick up horses for the spring business. The bad roads just now call for the use of more horses than usual. Nevertheless, prices showed no change, being as follows: heavy draft horses, weighing 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light draft horses, weighing 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$150 to \$200 each; small horses, \$100 to \$125 each; culls, \$50 to \$75 each; choice saddle and carriage horses, \$200 to \$275 each.

Poultry.—Very little poultry is now changing hands, but demand was fairly steady. Turkeys were 26c. to 30c. per lb.; chickens, 22c. to 25c. per lb. for best; and around 20c. per lb. for ordinary; fowl, 15c. to 20c. per lb.; geese, 17c. to 21c. per lb.; ducks, 19c. to 23c. per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—There was a stronger tone in the market for dressed hogs last week, and prices were quoted at an advance of about ½c. per lb. over those of the previous week. Demand from packers continued good and abattoir, fresh-killed hogs changed hands freely at 22c. to 22½c. per lb., while country-

dressed, light weights sold at 21c. to 21½c. per lb.

Potatoes.—Although the movement in potatoes from the country is still limited, there is a likelihood of freer deliveries. Supplies, however, are constantly becoming lighter, so that prices were steady at \$3.30 per bag of 80 lbs., ex-store, for Green Mountains, while Quebec potatoes were \$3 to \$3.25 per bag.

Honey and Maple Syrup.—The market is getting into shape to accept the offerings of new maple syrup which will not now be long delayed. Eight-lb. tins continued to sell at 95c. each; 10-lb. tins at \$1.10 and 13-lb. tins at \$1.25 to \$1.50 each. Maple sugar was 16c. per lb. Honey was steady, at 15c. per lb. for white clover comb; 12c. to 12½c. per lb. for brown clover comb and white extracted and 11c. per lb. for brown extracted. Buckwheat honey was 10c. per lb.

Eggs.—Owing to the mild weather and larger offerings, prices came down rapidly. Canadian fresh gathered were 44c. per dozen, and American, 43c. per dozen. As receipts were fairly large, the trade runs entirely upon these, although held selects were around 40c. per dozen.

Butter.—During the Lenten period there is generally a good demand for butter and prices are generally strong. This was the case last week. Finest fall creamery sold at 43½c. to 44c. per lb., with next quality at 1c. per lb. under. Winter made creamery was 42c. to 42½c. per lb., and undergrades about 1c. per lb. less. Dairy butter ranged from 36c. to 38c. per lb., according to quality.

Cheese.—The market for cheese is not attracting much attention and showed very little change. The price ranged around 24c. to 26c. per lb. for best.

Grain.—The market for oats held firm at 77c. to 78c. per bushel for car loads of No. 2 Canadian Western, ex-store. No. 3 were 75c. to 76c. per bushel; extra No. 1 feed, 75c. to 76c. per bushel; No. 1, feed, 74c. to 75c. per bushel, and No. 2 feed, 73c. to 74c. per bushel.

Flour.—The price of Manitoba spring wheat flour advanced 20 cents in sympathy with the stronger market in wheat. First patents were \$9.80 per barrel, in bags; seconds, \$9.30, and strong bakers', \$9.10. Ontario flour was steady, 90% patents being \$8.50 to \$8.80 per barrel in wood, and \$4.10 to \$4.25 per bag.

Mill Feed.—Mill feed continued very firm with bran selling at \$36 to \$38 per ton; shorts at \$39 to \$40 per ton; middlings, \$41 to \$42 per ton; mixed mouille, \$44 and pure grain mouille, \$48 to \$50 per ton, in bags.

Baled Hay.—Prices were unchanged at the recent advance. No. 2 was \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; No. 3, \$12 to \$12.50 and \$11 to \$11.50 for clover mixed.

Seeds.—Demand continued active and prices were steady at \$7 to \$12 per 100 lbs. for timothy, covering Govt. standards, No's. 1, 2 and 3. Red clover, \$20 to \$25; Alsike \$16 to \$25.

Hides.—The market for calf skins advanced sharply, and quotations were from 40c. to 44c. per lb., according to quality. Beef hides were up, being 26c. 25c. and 24c. per lb. Lamb skins were steady at \$3.90 each, and horse hides at \$7.50 each; tallow was 3c. to 5c. per lb. for rough and 8c. to 9c. per lb. for rendered.

Buffalo.

Cattle.—Values on good shipping steers were higher here last week, by a dime to fifteen cents and the demand was strong, regardless of the fact that the dressed beef trade has shown weakness, and that holidays are being observed. Runs in the West were light and this contributed to a stronger market here. Best shipping steers sold up to \$11.50, three loads bringing this price, eastern killers taking their steers at a wide range of from \$10.50 to \$11.50. In the handy butchering line, best kinds ranged from \$10 to \$10.75, with heifers selling up to better than ten cents and the best kinds of fat cows up to \$9 to \$9.50. Supply was very light of stockers and feeders and these went mostly for slaughter. Bulls sold at good, strong prices, best ranging up to \$9 to \$9.50. Milk cow and springer trade was unchanged. There is every reason to believe that the demand

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